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TAGS: PFOR, PDIP, CE, PLO

SUBJ: GSL APPROVES PLO COLOMBO OFFICE

1. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MDFA)
ISSUED COMMUNIQUE JUNE 6 ANNOUNCING GSL AGREEMENT TO
PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGNIZATION (PLO) REQUEST TO
ESTABLISH SRI LANKA OFFICE. COMMUNIQUE ALSO AFFIRMED
GSL RECOGNITION OF PLS AS "SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE". COMMUNIQUE WAS
ISSED AT END OF VISIT TO COLOMBO BY GAMEL EL SOURANI,
PLS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO ARAB LEAGUE WHO
CONVEYED REQUEST TO GSL DURING TRIP TO SEVERAL
COUNTRIES IN AREA. MDFA OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT
AGREEMENT WAS IN PRINCIPLE ONLY AND THAT TIMING OF
OPENING OF OFFICE WAS NOT DISCUSSED NOR HAD QUESTION
OF STATUS OR PRIVILEGES TO BE ACCORDED SUCH OFFICE
BEEN MENTIONED. HE POINTED OUT THAT PLO PRESENTLY DID
NOT HAVE ATTRIBUTES OF A GOVERNMENT AND FUTURE ACTIONS
WOULD DEPEND ON WHETHER PLO ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH ITSELF
AS PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH SOURCE SEEMED TO THINK
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MIGHT BE POSSIBILITY.

2. ALSO ON JUNE 6, EL SOURANI HELD PRESS CONFERENCE
PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM SRI LANKA IN WHICH HE STATED,
ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THAT PLO WILL BE REPRESENTED
AT COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR. SAME
MDFA SOURCE SAID PLO ATTENDANCE AT SUMMIT AS OBSERVER
WOULD CREATE NO PROBLEMS AS PLO HAD ATTENDED ALGIERS NON-
ALIGNED SUMMIT IN THAT CAPACITY. HOWEVER, ATTENDANCE ON
ANY OTHER BASIS WOULD RAISE QUESTIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE
TO BE RESOLVED PRIOR TO CONFERENCE.
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